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IMP System Change Notification

We are planning to release IMPSYS 26ØØ on May 15, 1972, between 12 noon and 3 p.m. E.D.T. As discussed at the March 16 seminar held at BBN, this release constitutes a major change to the IMP program. Because of the magnitude of the change, the system will be released on an experimental basis. If problems develop, then the current system, IMPSYS 2514, will be reloaded and the cutover for IMPSYS 26ØØ will be rescheduled for some later time.

The actual transfer over to IMPSYS 26ØØ will require assistance from site personnel, and we hereby request this assistance. A new tape of IMPLOD 26ØØ will be mailed to all sites shortly, and the staff at BBN will request each site in turn on May 15 to load the new IMPLOD tape and will detail other procedures to follow thereafter. We prefer that each site have someone who is familiar with IMP system operation on hand at this time. At some sites, we may request additional assistance from the computer operations staffs or programmers in the case of any problems. We also advise site personnel to refrain from scheduling production over the Network during the hours of switchover, since unforeseen difficulties may arise.

It is anticipated that the Hosts will not see any first-order effects from the switchover. Leader formats and message types are not changed. On the other hand, the statistics package has been extensively modified, and the NMC has been notified of these changes. The Very Distant Host option will also be included in this new system release, and it is expected to be activated for use about June 1. The detailed changes to the IMP system will be described in a forthcoming revision to BBN Report 1822.

Finally, your patience is requested if the new system causes unforeseen problems.

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